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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

From Over the Hill

A few words from the “default” President of VOMARC

—By Ed W1EJ

Our club has a variety of events each year that I look forward to, and I think most club members feel the same. Our annual Hamfest, the picnic, a Christmas party, visits to other Hamfests and Pacificon are great; but the event I enjoy the most is Field Day. It encompasses so many aspects of our hobby; setting up complete stations with radios, antennas, power, and networked computers for logging; then operating in a simulated emergency environment. It is a great time to get together to practice our skills and possibly learn new ones.

One of the highlights of our field day is always the dinner. Darrel (WD6BOR) always demonstrates his barbecue talent, turning things like chicken and sausages into gourmet morsels, but not to be outdone the potluck contributors always bring a variety of fabulous side dishes salads and desserts. It is definitely worth giving up the microphone or key for an hour to enjoy the food and the company. The dinner alone is a great reason to come.

Field day will be the program topic at the upcoming club meeting. Thanks to Frank (KG6N) for getting John Batto to allow use of the area by his hangars at the east end of Sonoma Skypark Airport. Come out for all or part of the fun, even spend the night in your camper or SUV. If you plan to be there in the night or evening dress warm, the wind can be cold and brutal. Whether you come for one or twenty-four hours enjoy one of the best ham radio activities. See you there.

NEXT MEETING
Wed, **June 19, 2024** at 7:30 PM
Meeting Room of the Sonoma Police Department, 176 First St W, Sonoma
Topic: **Field Day**

Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Meeting

ATTENDANCE: **Members Online**: N7PIB (Sanford), K6YD (Kevin), N6LY (Liz), KE6HID (Andrew), KM6URP (Kathy), WB6TMH (Mike), KB6CLV (Simon), WA6VAG (Chuck)

IN PERSON: W1EJ (Ed), KD6FIL (Dave), W8EWL (John), NJ6E (Stan), KF6FZN (Dick), N6TTV (Carl), WD6BOR (Darrel), KO6DXF (Don), KM6SJG (Jim), KN6EMO (Clayton)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 1930

Adopt meeting minutes as published in newsletter? Motion made and seconded- Minutes approved as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

NEWSLETTER- Eileen, KG6QNT- present.

ACS – Moe, KI6JNU- KD6FIL Reporting: No ACS net on May 27. June 26 is the Golden Eagle Training Exercise.

VE LIASON- Elizabeth, N6LY.

RADIO OFFICER- Mike, WB6TMH- No updates. The clubs TS590 checked out and was tested by N6TTV. It is ready for field day.

TRUSTEE- Darrel, WD6BOR- Thanks for all the help at the Hamfest. Record number of breakfasts.

SECRETARY/TREASURER- Dave, KD6FIL- $5,367.70 in the bank, thanks to the hamfest deposit. There are several checks to deposit.

VICE PRESIDENT- VACANT (no call) How do we fill this position?

PRESIDENT- Ed, W1EJ- Thank you to all the people who helped at the hamfest.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS: Field Day is June 22 and 23. The club needs to replace the old lead acid batteries. WD6BOR made a motion to spend up to $2,000 for 2 Lithium Iron Phosphate 100 AH batteries and a charger. Motion was seconded by W8EWL, and approved.

Books from the hamfest prizes that were not picked up were distributed to club members.

The mystery box went to NJ6E this month.

MEETING TOPIC- Foxhunting (Byonics Foxhunt transmitters: https://www.byonics.com/mf)

Next Month – Field Day planning.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

Logbook of the World Down

The American Radio Relay League's Logbook of the World system has been unavailable for weeks. Apparently, the League was the target of an international cyber group.

ARRL has brought in the FBI and engaged with third party experts to investigate. The FBI categorized the incident as "unique", compromising network devices, servers, cloud-based systems, and PCs. The League has been bringing up systems over time as they are cleansed.

According to the League, LoTW data is secure. Furthermore, personal information, such as credit card numbers, are not stored on ARRL computers.

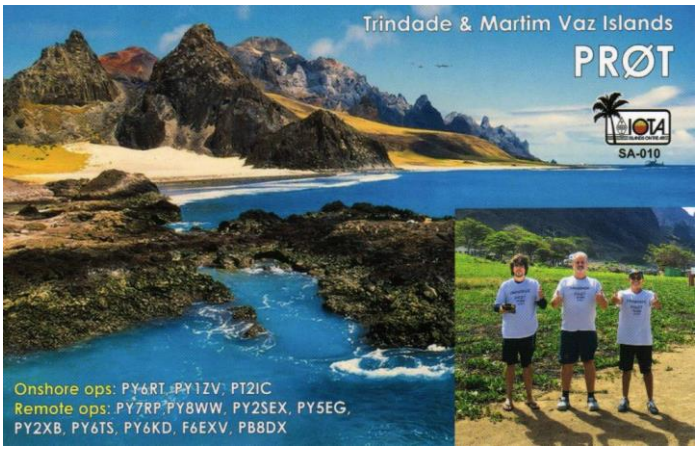
—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Misc

Radio astronomers are baffled by a newly discovered source of pulsed radio waves. Unlike known pulsars, the source of these radio waves vary in its intervals, polarization and length. A slow spinning neutron star is the assumed source, possibly as part of a binary system.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

QSL Card Inbox



Here's an All Time New One (ATNO) for me. PR0T operated from Trindade & Martim Vaz

Islands, a Brazilian possession in the South Atlantic Ocean. Far enough away from the mainland, it counts as a separate DXCC entity. I worked them on 10M and 12M using SSB and FT8 respectively.

Another ATNO here in the form of a QSO with VK9QO in the Cocos Keeling Islands. The islands lie northwest of Australia in the Indian Ocean. Its distance from the mainland garners it separate DXCC country status. I worked them on 20M using FT8.

Yet another All Time New One for me is represented by this QSL Card for contacts made with 4W8X in East Timor. I worked them on 15M through 10M using CW, FT8 and SSB.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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WEB PAGE: **http://www.vomarc.org/**

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

Breakfast Nets are held every Tuesday and Saturday morning at 7:30 AM on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—or—

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Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**